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## ***DRiFT – Detector Response Function Toolkit Organic Scintillator and Gas Detector Capability Overview***

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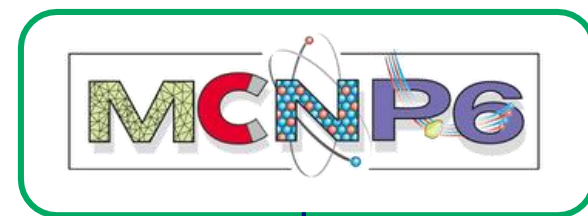
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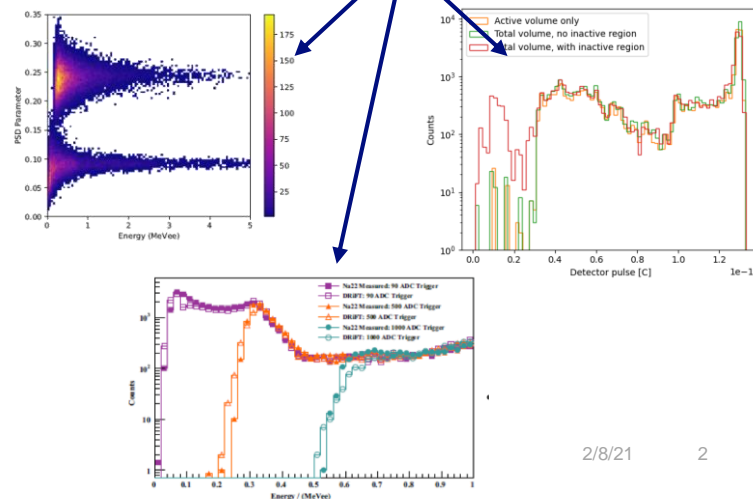
# DRiFT – A Brief Overview

- DRiFT post-processes MCNP output and *simulates realistic nuclear instrumentation response*.
- **Modular** – easily accommodates new instrumentation and physics models
- **Easy to use** – simple keyword input and one line execution, flexible ASCII write-out that can be post-processed.
- **Capabilities:** Organic Scintillators and Gas Detectors (primarily He-3).
- In this talk, features will not be described in detail, rather highlighted so you can get a feel for DRiFT capabilities.
- Split into four short sections: Overview, Scintillators, Gas Detectors, and Other Features.



Detector Response with  
DRiFT

Output in the same format  
as measurements



# Part I: DRiFT Overview



# DRiFT Use and Input

- Required: MCNP output (PTRAC)
- Distribution
  - Executable for scintillators (new!)
  - HPC build for gas detectors
- Input file
  - Simple keywords for each module
- Output
  - Text file output
  - ROOT trees

```
[global]
modeltype=event
datasource=mcnp
ptrac_type=bin
#Name of the PTRAC file you want to process
datafile=omcnp_p
#datafile is the file name of the mcnp ptrac output
det_cells=1

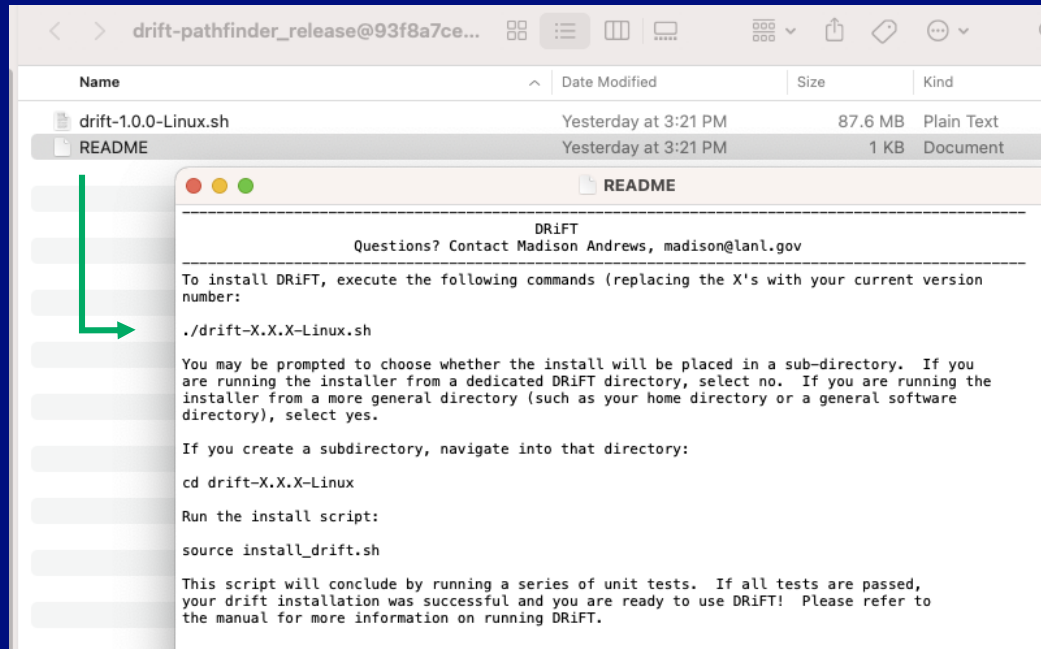
[SourceInformation]
call=SourceInformation
multi_src=yes

[Scintillation]
call=Scintillation
detector=EJ301
optical_transport=0.6
pmt_type=9821B
voltage=1500
divider_option=B

[Digitizer]
call=Digitizer
voltage_range =2.0
digitizer_samples=256
resolution=16384
ter_res = 50
DC_offset = 0.1
start_point = 0.1
digitizer_rate=500.e6
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source_e (MeV)	NPS	det_pulse (MeVee)	det_cell	corr_count	time (s)	PSD	cells_history
1.63259	71	0.133547	1	no	7.39562e-09	0.212628	2 1
1.814	354	0.255438	1	no	3.94077e-09	0.216505	2 1
3.29549	640	0.484216	1	no	3.26886e-09	0.234059	2 1
1.66616	763	0.105647	1	no	4.30608e-09	0.169014	2 1
0.879835	774	0.0920073	1	no	9.41205e-09	0.218329	2 1
2.02652	1001	0.440321	1	no	4.41343e-09	0.255421	2 1
2.76593	1016	0.606231	1	no	3.3331e-09	0.234813	2 1

# Release – Creating a DRiFT Installer



- A DRiFT executable installer is now available to approved requesters.
- It contains the installer (drift-1.0.0-Linux.sh) and a README file with simple installation instructions for the user.

- In order to generate a Linux executable:
  - DRiFT dependencies on LANL's HPC cluster, ROOT, Garfield++ and MCNPTools builds were removed.
  - CPACK was used to generate a STGZ self-extracting installer
  - Remaining dependencies (HDF5 and GCC libraries) were statically linked
- The release contains 7 test suites / examples in addition to 3 unit tests.
  - The unit tests are automatically executed at the end of the install process, and compare the output of various internal DRiFT functions against archived values.



# Documentation – Manual

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## DRiFT - RELEASE 1.0.0 ORGANIC SCINTILLATORS

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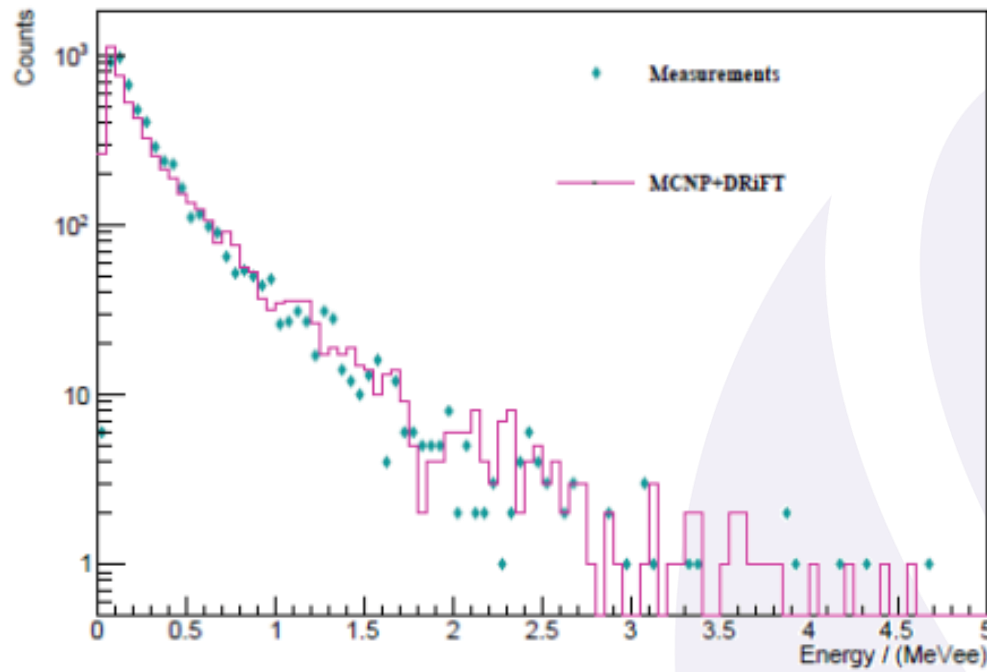
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- Detailed 65 page manual was created with TED funds to accompany the DRiFT executable.
- The manual contains 12 chapters split into 4 parts:
  - DRiFT Overview
  - Detector Physics – Scintillators
  - Additional DRiFT Features
  - Test Suites and Examples
- DRiFT executable and manual have been used by a friendly tester in nuclear safeguards in Q4 of FY21.



# Generating Test Suites, Examples, and Unit Tests



- 2 existing test suites were cleaned up, and documented.
- **5 new test suites** / examples were added for the release.
- **Nuclear safeguards relevant examples** include: correlated fission measurements, pile-up, cross talk, source activities, and comparisons of DRiFT with measurements (shown on left)
- **Unit tests were developed to test code functionality** upon installation.
- The 3 unit tests are automatically executed at the end of the installation process, and compare the output of various internal DRiFT functions against archived “truth” values generating using pre-determined inputs.

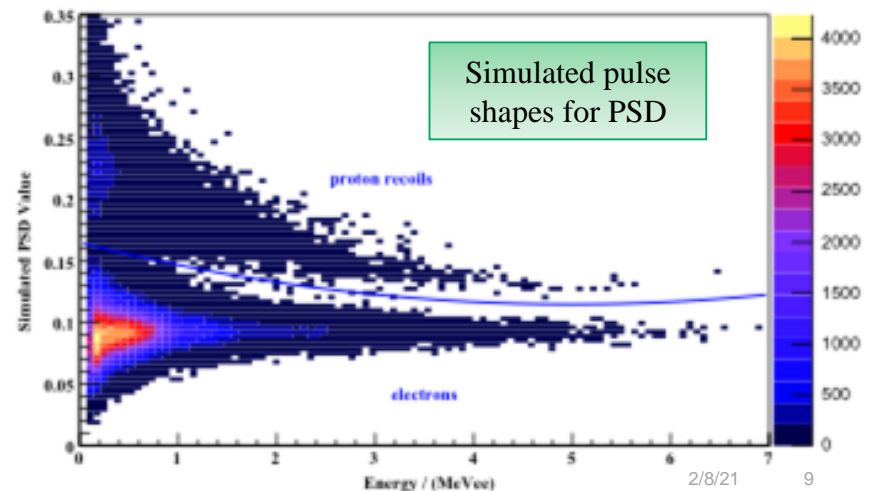
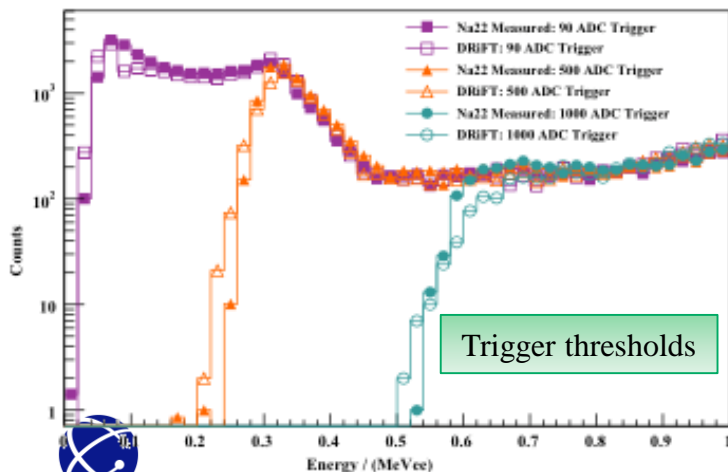
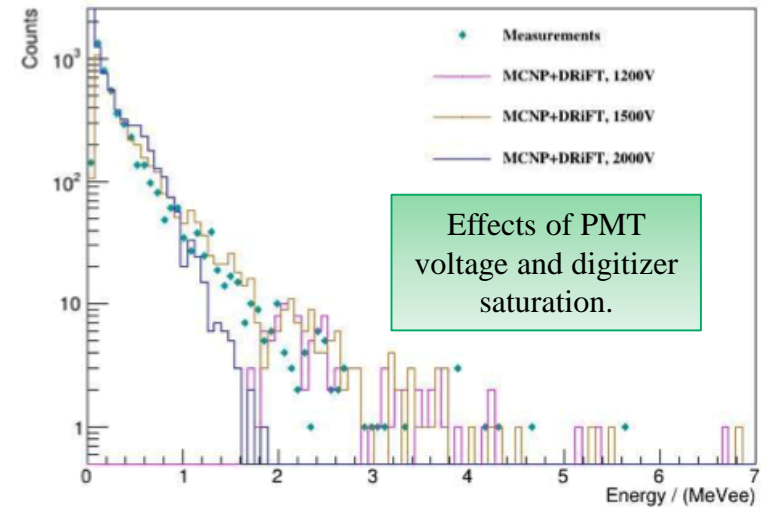
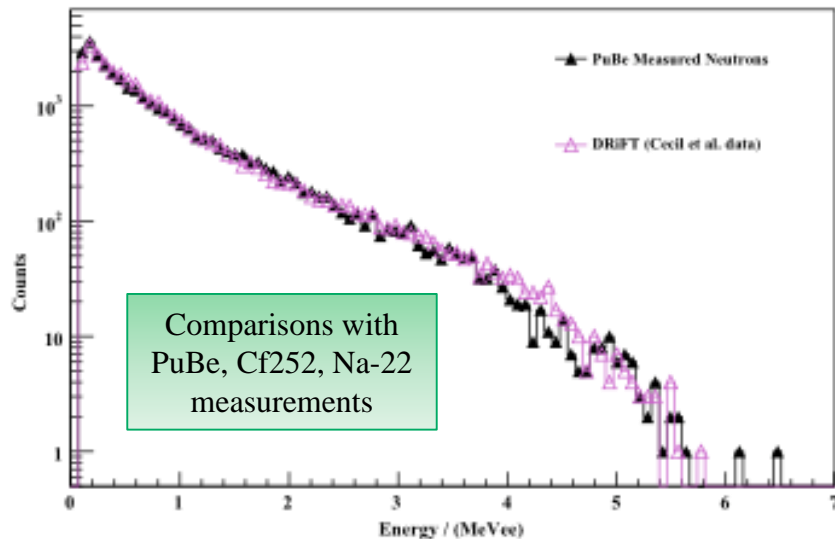


## Part II: Organic Scintillators



# Organic Scintillators in DRiFT

- There are two large components to organic scintillator simulations in DRiFT: scintillator (and PMT) response, and digitizer effects (i.e. the conversion of electrons to a digitized signal).



# Expansion of Scintillator and PMT Physics Options

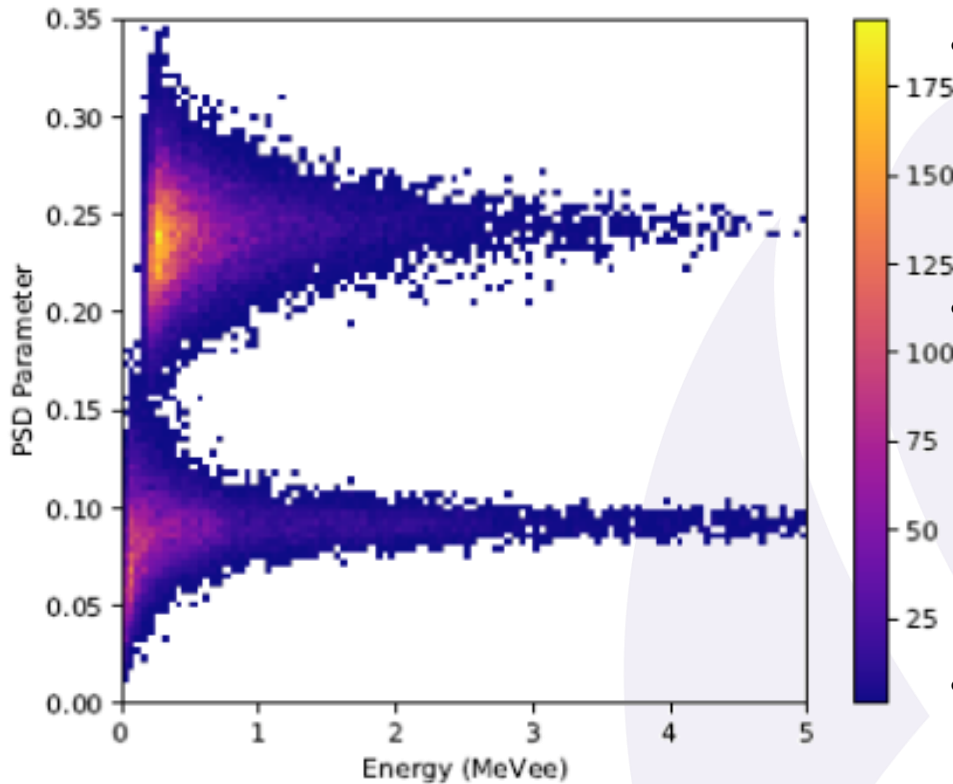
- Users can specify their own scintillator, PMT, and digitizer properties.
- Or, they can use models natively supported by DRiFT (17 scintillators, 13 PMTs, and 7 digitizer types).
- Additionally, the **user can now add their own response** without modifying source code.
  - The release contains instructions and examples.
  - Information required for users to “build their own” response is usually easily found on manufacturer’s websites.

Name	Keywords	Options
<b>[Scintillation]</b>		
call		Scintillation
detector		Scintillator name, ej. EJ301
optical_transport		double, default 0.6
voltage		double, 1500 V, PMT voltage
pmt_type		PMT name, i.e. 9821B
max_energy		double, 25.0 MeV default
gain		double, default set by PMT voltage and model
scint_yield		double, default set by scintillator type
PE_file		filename of scintillator emission spectrum
QE_file		filename of PMT quantum efficiency spectrum
light_file		filename of scintillator light output table
pulse_shape_file		filename of user-defined pulse shape
rise_time		double, rise time of the scintillator (in ns) for pulse shape
decay_fast		double, fast decay time constant (in ns) for pulse shape
decay_slow		double, slow decay time constant (in ns) for pulse shape
fast_decay_weight		double, relative weight of fast decay time constant
pulse_arrival_time		double, default 15 ns

Name	Keywords	Options
<b>[Digitizer]</b>		
call		Digitizer
digitizer_samples		int, 512
resolution		int, 16384 default
voltage_range		double, 2.0 V default
ter_res		double, 50.0 ohm default
DC_offset		double, 0.1 % default
start_point		double, 0.1 by default
trigger_ADC		int, 100 by default
rate		double, 500.e6 default (Hz)
s_gate		double, 22 e-9 by default (22 ns)
l_gate		double, 90e-9 by default (90 ns)
PSD		string, no by default
pileup		string, no by default
digitizer_type		string, none specified by default <sub>0</sub>



# Accommodating User Defined Pulse Shapes



- One of the key useful and unique features of DRiFT is the ability to simulate digitizer electronic effects and pulses.
- Simulated pulse shapes have a wide variety of options from testing pulse shape discrimination (PSD) analysis to generating testing data for machine learning algorithms.
- Previously, only pulse shapes for EJ-301 scintillators were available.
- *The code was expanded to accommodate user-defined pulses.* An example of a PSD plot produced with this option is shown above.
- Users can define pulse shapes two ways: analytic equations or with an example measured pulse as drift input

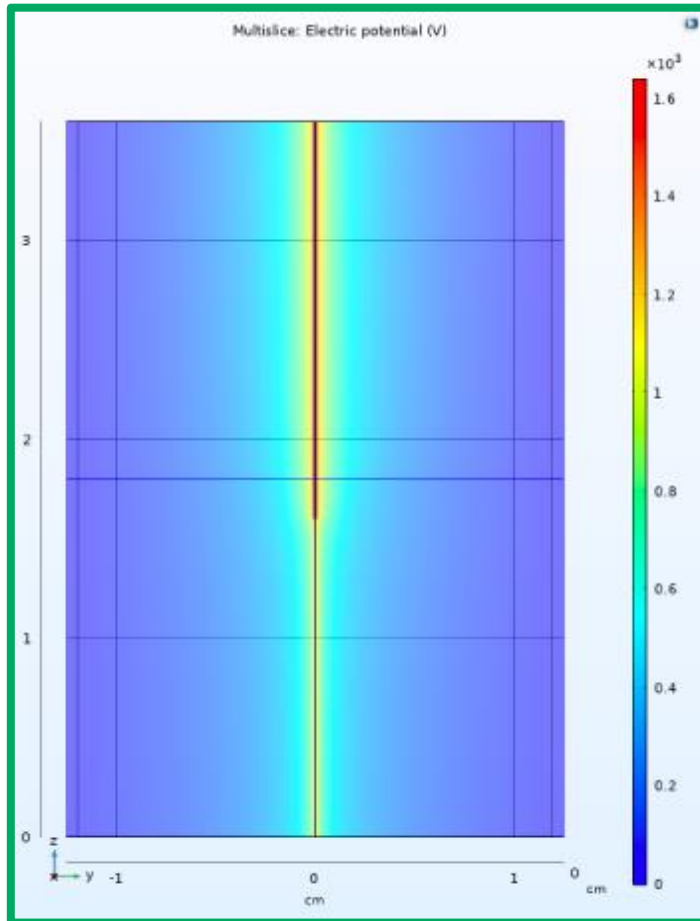


# Part III: Gas Detectors



# Gas Detector – A new capability for DRiFT

- Substantial progress has been made on helium-3 gas detector simulation capabilities and the *gas detector proof of concept as been demonstrated.*

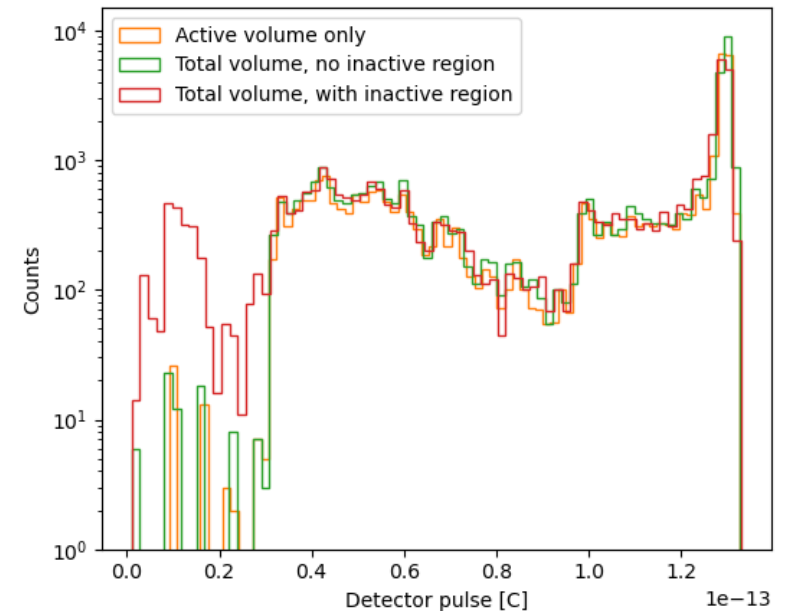
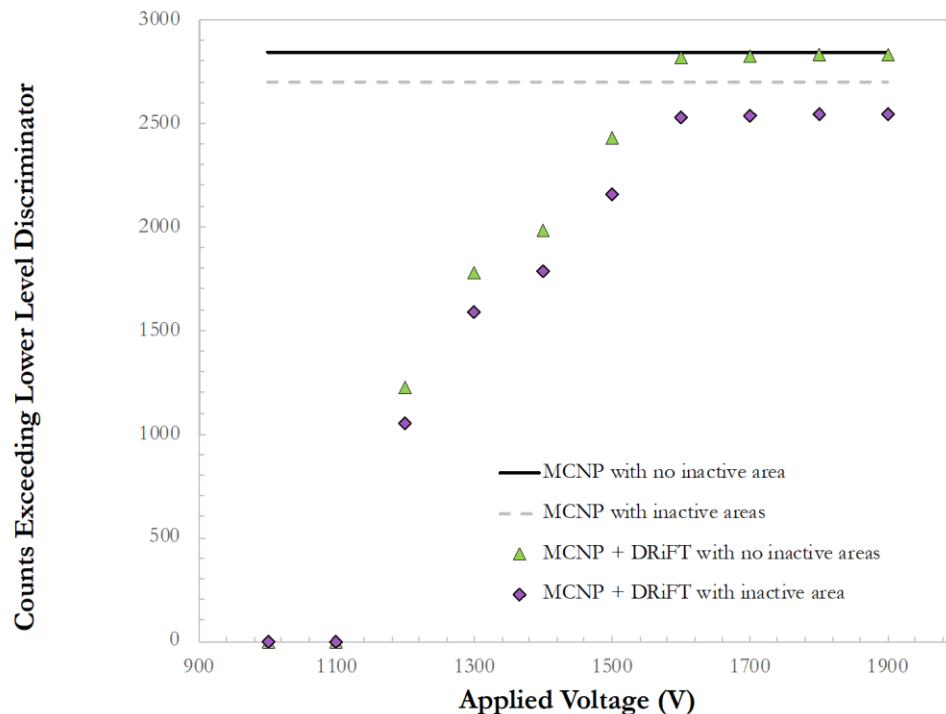


- Gas detector physics simulations necessitated output from many codes to create a DRiFT gas detector database (*users do not need to interact with these external codes*).
- COMSOL was used to model the tube electric fields in detail, these fields were imported into Garfield++ successfully.
  - Incorporates *field-tube (end-tube) effects*.
- An interface to Magboltz computes gas properties, SRIM generates proton and triton stopping and range tables.
- Many combinations of tube pressures, sizes, quench gas, temperatures, and voltages to generate data tables that are read by DRiFT.



# Gas Detectors

- DRiFT account for decreases in detection efficiencies due to
  - Operating at lower voltages
  - The inactive tube area.
- Also added a pre-amplifier module compatible with both gas and semiconductor output, can give an estimate of *pile-up*, and photons mis-attributed as neutron events.



- Measurement sets to compare with DRiFT and MCNP would be appreciated if anyone has some relevant ones.
- Events can be discriminated based on energy deposited (like MCNP) or charge (more realistic).



# Gas Options Implemented in DRIFT

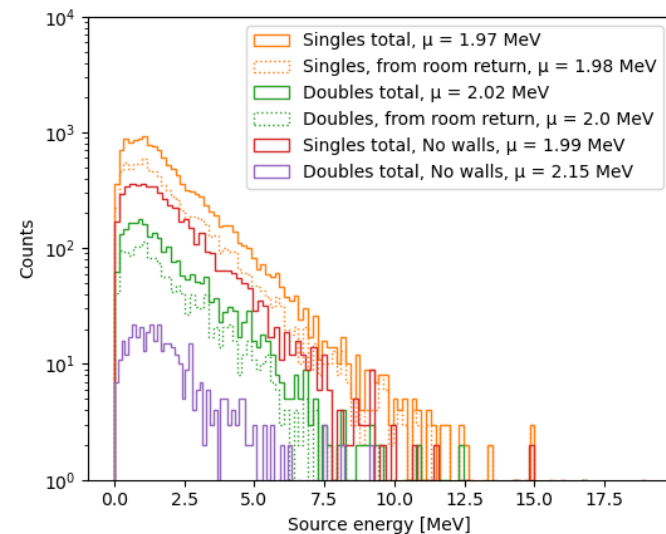
Keyword	Description	Unit	Default	Options / Notes
Gas1/Gas2	Primary gas/quench gas		Helium-3/CO <sub>2</sub>	He-3, BF <sub>3</sub> , CO <sub>2</sub> whatever gases are supported in Garfield++ (many),
Comp1/Comp 2	Composition of primary/secondary gas	Atom %	100	0 – 100
Voltage	Voltage applied to the tube	V	1600	1000 – 1900 V
Pressure	Gas tube pressure	Atm	10 atm	1, 2, 4, 10 atm
Aval	Model the electron transport in the tube		No	Yes, no
Inactive area	Include end tube effects		No	Yes, no in Phase I a COMSOL + GARIFLED++ generated file was required.
Inactive bottom/ top	Can describe the size of the inactive areas on the top and bottom	cm	0	With reserve funds we demonstrated that complex COMSOL models were not necessary, significantly increasing the flexibility of this feature.
LLD_c	Lower level discriminator -charge	C	0 C	≥ 0, also added this to the pre-amplifier model
LLD_e	Lower level discriminator - energy	MeV	0 MeV	≥ 0, also added this to the pre-amplifier model
Temperature	Temperature of the tube	K	293 K	Any
srin	Whether the tracks of the reaction products are modelled		Yes	Yes, No



## Part IV: Other Features in DRIFT



# Information of source particles leading to detection events



- Correlation between source energies/emission probabilities and capture moments in MC15, with and without room return contributions.
- *DRiFT enables the tracking of particles from source point to final termination in detectors, allowing calculation of source energy and emission probabilities corresponding to each detection event.*
  - Using MCNPTools
  - Potential input for unfolding and analysis codes

## Defining Source Activity in DRiFT

- Users can define the source activity levels and DRiFT will automatically sort the PTRAC events in time accordingly.
- This allows an estimation of pile-up effects at a large number of detector settings.
- Options demonstrated include, *pile-up, tube-end effects, collection time, energy thresholds and applied voltage.*
- Currently DRiFT assumes a non-paralyzable deadtime in the pre-amplifier module.

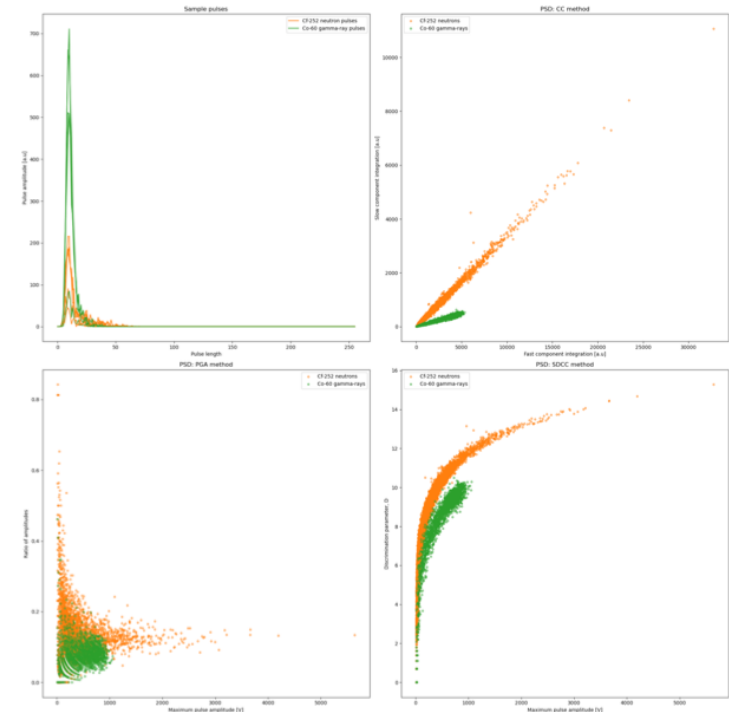


# Flexible Output

- The executable version can write out text files with columns corresponding to user-specified outputs and rows, each detector event.
  - Can also output history of the particle (i.e. which cells in the MCNP file it interacted with).
- Additionally, users can output digitizer waveforms for scintillator simulations to assess their analysis algorithms.
- The HPC version also have the option to output DRiFT results as root trees.

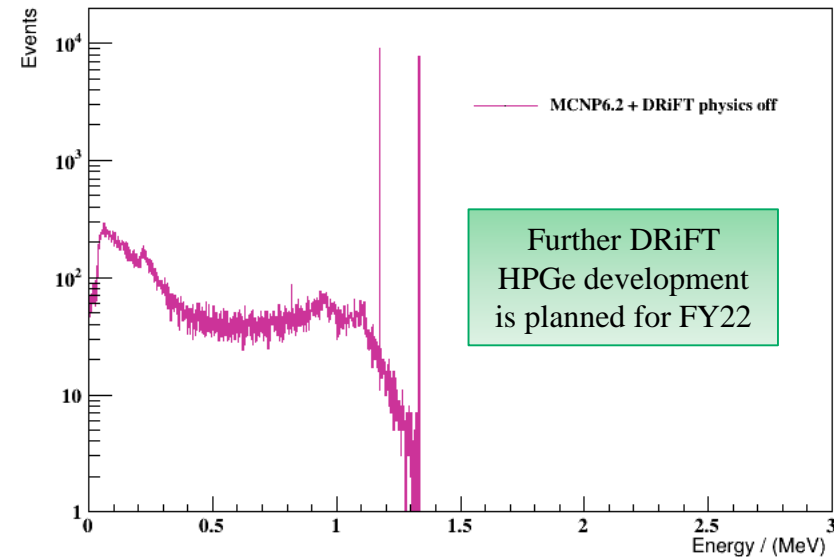
Table 3.6: DRiFT Sections Keyword Options - WriteOutput

Name	Keywords	Options
<b>[WriteOutput]</b>		
call		WriteOutput
num_outputs		<i>integer less than 10</i>
outputs		source_e (default), MeV
		source_t seconds
		source_cell
		source_type
		count
		det_pulse
		det_cell
		corr_count
		PSD



# Conclusions and Future Work

- DRiFT simulates nuclear instrumentation in levels of detail not available in other codes.
- Allows users to assess tool performance and develop analysis algorithms (i.e. PSD).
- A DRiFT executable has been generated for Linux OS for organic scintillator capabilities.
- Gas detector proof of concept has been implemented.
- Future work:
  - Streamlining of gas detector simulation process
  - comparisons with He-3 measurements needed.
  - Implementation of pulse shapes in gas detectors



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